International Students for Social Equality meetings in Britain **A socialist answer to the Gaza crisis**

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Millions across the globe are rightly angered at Israel's criminal assault on the defenceless population of Gaza. Hundreds have been killed and thousands wounded by the relentless bombardment and ground offensive. There remains the threat that hostilities could recommence at any time.

Israel has committed war crimes and perpetrated a siege that recalls the fascist violence of Guernica and the Warsaw Ghetto. Like those atrocities, the recent events in Gaza are not simply the actions of one rogue state. The explosive eruption of Israeli militarism in Gaza is inseparably connected to the crisis of the capitalist world economy and the social and political tensions this is generating.

Only the unification of the Jewish and Arab working class in the struggle for a Socialist Federation of the Middle East can bring peace to the region and secure a viable future for its peoples. This perspective is inseparably bound up with the struggle for the overthrow of capitalism internationally.

Jean Shaoul, who writes extensively on the Middle East for the *World Socialist Web Site*, will explain this perspective at series of upcoming International Students for Social Equality meetings, to which all are invited to attend.

Sheffield

Friday, February 6, 6 p.m. St. Matthews Meeting Rooms Carver Street Sheffield S1 4FT

Manchester

Monday, February 9, 7:30 p.m. Meeting Room 1 University of Manchester Students' Union Oxford Road

Manchester M13 9PR Glasgow Friday, February 13, 5 p.m. Room 412 Lecture Theatre B Boyd Orr Building University Avenue Glasgow G12 800 London Tuesday, February 17, 7 p.m. University of London Union Room 2E Malet Street London WC1E 7HY

Brighton

Wednesday, February 18, 4 p.m. University of Sussex Debating Chamber Falmer House Falmer Brighton BN1 9HR



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